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Fundraiser for children's hospital an overwhelming success

BY MADISON
 SAMUEL-BARCLAY
 Review Staff

The TY Bears for Christmas fundraiser, started by nine-year-old Joseph (Joey) Dick, his mother Karie Dick, and the Grade 4 classes of Ross Ford Elementary, have wrapped up their efforts just in time for the holidays, and raised more than triple of their original goal.

The fundraiser, which started at the beginning of November, aimed to raise 200 TY Beanie Baby toys to be delivered by the Grade 4 students to the Alberta Children's Hospital.

However, thanks to the co-operation of the students, families, staff, Didsbury High School, Mountainview Colts and other numerous local organizations and businesses, the fundraiser collected 873 toys for the hospital.

"I was shocked and surprised," said Joey, about the fundraising success.

"The fundraiser took off really good right from the beginning," added Karie. "Everybody got onto the idea fast."

Didsbury High School, which had been a part of the fundraising effort, raised \$1,300 alone for

the purchase of the toys, according to Karie.

The Mountainview Colts, as well as businesses in and around town, also chipped in, making donations or offering special fundraising discounts when the toys were being purchased.

"I'm really proud, just really proud of the way Didsbury supports local charities," said Karie.

Karie and her husband Randy took Joey and four other children, Cassidy Schlachter, Jayce McDonald, Josh Dick and Danielle Dick, to the Alberta Children's Hospital on December 9 to deliver the toys.

The Beanie Babies were packaged into bags of 50, and took up the entire bed of one of the two trucks the group took to Calgary.

The toys were then brought up into the hospital lobby with help from hospital staff and dollies. Due to safety and security policies, the children were not able to deliver the toys directly to the children in the hospital, but staff were to later hand them out.

"One person and his son asked what was going on," said Joey. "When I told them, they thought what we were doing was really nice."



From left to right, Cassidy Schlachter, Joey Dick, Jayce McDonald, Josh Dick and Danielle Dick, stand inside the Alberta Children's Hospital to deliver 873 TY Beanie Babies. The toys were raised as a part of pay-it-forward fundraising campaign participated in by Grade 4 students at Ross Ford Elementary, Didsbury High School, and other various local businesses, groups and organizations.

"The people at the hospital were like 'wow,'" added Karie.

Joey, who first thought up the idea for the

fundraiser after he received a stuffed bunny from staff on an ambulance ride to the hospital when he was two years

old, says he would definitely consider having the fundraiser, or a similar kind of fundraiser, next year.

Joey, Karie and Randy Dick would like to extend their thanks to the schools and community for their support.

Pitbull attacks five-year-old girl in Didsbury

Dog's unprovoked actions send child to hospital

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
 Review Staff

A recent unprovoked pit bull attack on a young child sparked discussion of enacting a dangerous dog bylaw or policy at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting.

The child, a five-year-old girl, was taken to the Alberta Children's Hospital for stitches, and may potentially need plastic surgery due to the scalp injuries.

The Dec. 3 attack occurred in a residence on 20th Avenue in Didsbury. The four-year-old pit bull had been placed in a room with the door shut initially.

However, RCMP said someone opened

the door, not realizing that the dog was in the room. The dog ran for the girl without provocation, according to the RCMP.

Witnesses at the scene called the RCMP to report the incident at around 1:40 p.m.

The dog has been transported to the Calgary Humane Society for quarantine and is being monitored for rabies.

"The owners of the dog have been co-operative and will be seeking destruction of the dog," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

Following the rabies monitoring, RCMP said the dog will be destroyed. RCMP and local peace officers are continuing to investigate the incident.

In response to this and recalling previ-

"The owners of the dog have been co-operative and will be seeking destruction of the dog,"

SGT. JEFF JACOBSON

ous dog incidents, on Dec. 6 Committee of the Whole members discussed ways of avoiding such situations through a dangerous dog policy or bylaw.

"A dangerous dog in the policy should be defined based on incidences concerning it, not its breed," said councillor Lavar

Adams. "In reality, dogs bite, all dogs can bite."

However, dealing with specific reported dogs did little in terms of being pre-emptive, according to Mayor Brian Wittal.

"The point of the policy is to do something pre-emptive, before these incidents happen," said Wittal. "But to do that, it may mean picking and choosing which dogs are considered 'dangerous' by breed, and that's not what we want to do."

Didsbury has seen previous dog incidents with breeds that were not pit bulls. The most recent reported attacks in the recent past have been unprovoked bites by a Jack Russell terrier and a akita.

- With files from Jennifer Isaac



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Kelly Tschritter will be playing Tracks Pub in Olds on Dec. 17.

Tschritter gets big boost on Chinese prime-time TV

BY JULIE BERTRAND
For the Review

While Didsbury resident Kelly Tschritter is from a musical family, she only started getting passionate about music in her mid 20s.

"My parents were both musicians. Growing up, they were both professionals for 20 years. It was sort of their thing," she said.

"I was not really into it. We sang at home for fun but it never was something that I even considered pursuing as a job."

While teaching in Beijing in the early 2000s a friend convinced her to go to an open mike night at a students' pub near Peking University.

"I started playing and the host of the open mike session really sort of pushed me, saying that he really liked my music and asking if I wrote songs," said Tschritter.

"I played some of my songs. That was what got me really playing music more."

She had started composing songs after being asked by former Olds resident Alex Galanis to provide original music for his film project.

"That was a neat little push," said Tschritter.

During her first year in

China, she did music for fun, doing a few shows here and there and playing at exhibitions. During her second year, a show business agent paired her with a Liberian band, consisting of couple Marion and Emanuel Uechuwe, to play a regular gig at a five-star hotel. During that time, Emanuel Uechuwe rose to fame, thanks to an appearance on CCTV New Year's Gala, which is watched by more than 700 million people.

Tschritter ended up singing backup vocals on Uechuwe's first album and on many of his TV appearances. "It was an opportunity to work with the best producers in the country," she said.

"It was such a neat experience for me, being that I had just started."

After being promised a backup singer job on Uechuwe's first tour, Tschritter came back to Canada for a short period before going to Germany to visit her father. Her father quickly convinced her to stay with him for a while and to experience the busker's life in Europe.

"I had never been to Europe. It was a great opportunity," she said.

"I could busk and do the true singer/songwriter's dream of travelling around

by train."

While preparing for a show with her father and brother, Tschritter met future husband Tobias Kalden, whom her father had engaged as a sound engineer. The couple remained in Germany for a few years, before moving to Didsbury in July 2010.

Since moving here, Tschritter has played a lot of shows in local bars and festivals. Her Dec. 17 show at Tracks Pub in Olds will be her third time performing there.

The show begins at 8 p.m.

While she intends to play music from her 2008 debut EP and songs that she has yet to record, Tschritter will also play covers.

"A lot of the time, I will be starting a cover song and people do not know what it is. You see the people's heads kind of tilt and they know the song, but they cannot figure out what it is," she said.

"I really enjoy doing that. That is the fun thing about being a singer/songwriter."

While her music style is often described as indie folk, she often wanders into the arenas of jazz, country, rock, and contemporary.

Her plans for 2012 include recording a full-length album.

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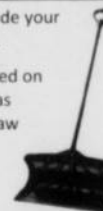
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Alberta's prosperity depends on small business success



DAN SINGLETON

Small businesses have always been one of the cornerstones of successful rural communities, including those across West Central Alberta.

From the earliest days of this province, businesses operating at the local town and village level have employed longtime residents and attracted newcomers, contributing in no small way to the overall success of Alberta's economy.

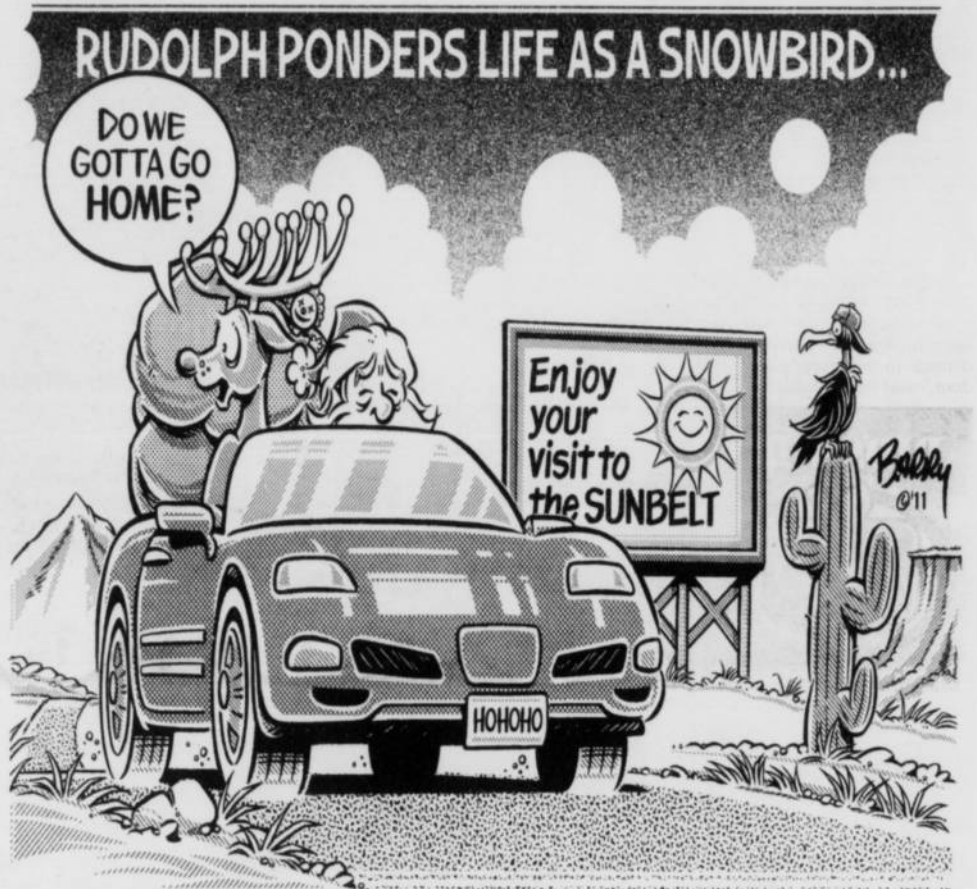
On the other hand, when small businesses are forced to cut back or even close due to unreasonable amounts of government red tape it is bad news for everyone.

In an attempt to help the small business community in Alberta thrive and grow, the provincial government has launched a new task force with the stated aim of streamlining provincial regulatory hurdles that small businesses currently have to jump through to carry on their day-to-day activities.

The five-member MLA Red Tape Reduction Task Force, which is being chaired by Sundre-Rocky Mountain House MLA Ty Lund, will work with small business leaders and associations from across Alberta over the next 60 days to gather input about improving the regulatory environment in which small business operates, says Premier Alison Redford.

"Without small business, our province's economic growth would simply not be possible," said Redford.

"Alberta has the largest number of small businesses per capita in Canada and we want to ensure that we have the right rules in place for health, safety and the environment while reducing the regulatory burden that gets in the way of business doing its job.



"The task force will make recommendations for Alberta's regulatory processes to improve quality and address issues of 'red tape' burden from provincial requirements on an on-going basis while ensuring the protection of the environment, and the health and safety of Albertans."

As one of the longest current serving MLAs and a former county reeve, Ty Lund is a good choice to head this new task force, which is expected to present its final report, including recommendations, to the Redford government by the end of March. The Tories will then, in turn, decide which recommendations, if any, to act upon.

During its consultations the task force will no doubt hear from small business owners and small business association officials that streamlining regulatory barriers will make good business sense and help the overall provincial economy.

Hopefully the Alberta government will listen to the small businesses that provide submissions and comments to Lund's task force and make any reasonable regulatory changes, while at the same time, as Premier Redford says, "ensuring the protection of the environment, and the health and safety of Albertans."

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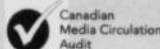
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Attempted car thefts under investigation

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For the Review

Didsbury RCMP are investigating a report of an attempted theft of a vehicle, which occurred between 4 p.m. on December 5 and 8 a.m. on December 7.

"It was observed that a 2005 Ford F-350 parked in the 2000 block of 22 Avenue in Didsbury had been broken into through damage to the driver's side door," said Sgt. Jacobson.

"The suspect had punched out the locks to gain access to the vehicle, and the ignition had been tampered with, but they were unsuccessful in the attempt to steal the truck."

A similar incident occurred overnight between December 4 and 5 southwest of Water Valley, near Rge. Rd. 5.3.

"Police received a report of an attempted theft of a 2003 Ford F-250," said Jacobson.

"The driver's side door lock was punched and the ignition was damaged. Again, the suspect was unsuccessful in the attempt to steal the vehicle."

Police have not ruled out that these two incidents may be related, given the similar activity that was done, Jacobson added.

The matter is still under investigation. If anyone has information about these incidents, he or she is asked to contact Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.

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Welding cable stolen from Carstairs

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For the Review

Didsbury RCMP is investigating a report of theft of a spool of black welding cable, valued at \$700.

"The incident occurred sometime overnight between December 5, after 10 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. on December 6," said Sgt. Jacobson. "Ultimately, the spool was taken from a vehicle that was parked in the 1300 block of Grey Street in Carstairs."

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ken, a beloved husband, dad, grandfather, brother and friend. Ken passed away peacefully on December 3rd at the age of 86. He is survived by his family: wife, Pearl; Brother, Benny (Grace); children: Lester (Gloria), Carol, Russell (Denise), Danny (Shirley), Hallie (Darel); many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He had a plumbing business in Didsbury and area for many years. He loved his community and enjoyed being a Didsbury police constable, volunteer fireman, ambulance attendant and school bus driver.

His pleasures in life were his family, his cars, motorcycles, and camping.

He will be greatly missed and always remembered.

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THANK YOU

The family of Ian James Liesemer wish to thank everyone for their kind words of sympathy, support, the many bouquets of flowers and donations of food, as well as contributions made to the trust account for Ian's young son, Donovan.

Your support was and is overwhelming and greatly appreciated, and will continue to provide us with the strength needed to persevere.

Special thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare for Ian's service; who spoke so eloquently in his honor; to his employer, Kal-Tire of Crossfield, for closing business the day of the service to allow Ian's co-workers the opportunity to show their respect; to Jo Klitzke, of Westcott Country Kitchen, for providing the luncheon; to Tom Peters and assistants, from Mountain View Funeral Chapel, for being "our rock" once again.

Ian touched so many people in various ways during his all too short lifetime. His tragic passing leaves a huge hole. Ian's memory will always live in our minds and hearts.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Murray, Kathy, Doug, Jeremy and Family

190. Announcements

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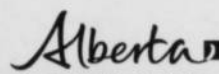
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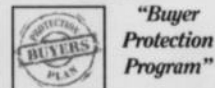
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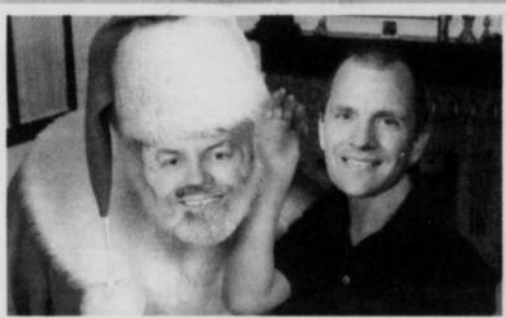
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3, 705 - 23 Street



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1301 - 24 Street



3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, bright country kitchen, drilled well, pellet stove in basement family room, direct access to large double garage, nice courtyard area

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102 Valarosa Drive



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1519 - 21 Avenue



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6 Valarosa Drive



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8 Westhill Place



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2102 - 12 Avenue



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1502 - 18 Avenue



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1506 - 18 Avenue



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108 Westheights Close



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